

Cash Receipts Review 2003

Total Farm Receipts for 2003 totaled \$4.07 billion, an increase of \$373 million (10 percent) from the previous year. These receipts included returns for livestock and poultry, crops, government agricultural payments, farm forest products, and other farm related income. **Total Farm and Forestry Receipts** were \$4.54 billion compared with \$4.29 billion in 2002.

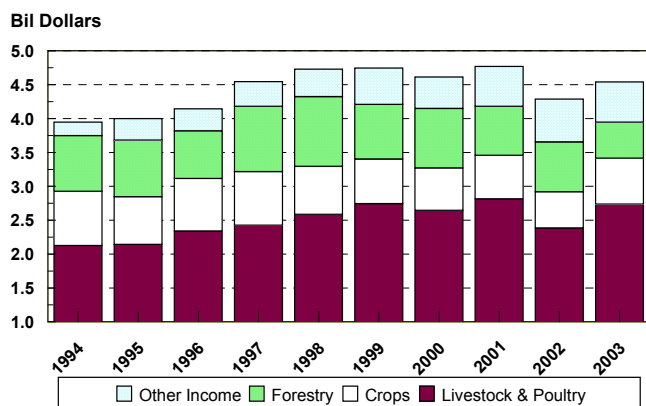
Receipts for All Agricultural Commodities included \$2.74 billion for Livestock and Poultry and \$676.1 million for Crops. Higher returns were realized for cattle and calves, broilers, catfish, and most crop commodities, while receipts for hogs, dairy, eggs, and potatoes were down from previous year.

Broiler Chickens continued to lead the way as Alabama's # 1 agricultural commodity with receipts of \$1.84 billion. These receipts compared with \$1.61 billion the previous year and accounted for 41 percent of Total Farm and Forestry Receipts. **Cattle and Calves** contributed \$425.2 million in sales, up 39 percent from a year earlier. Receipts for **Eggs** amounted to \$295.7 million compared with \$296.5 million in 2002. **Greenhouse, Sod and Nursery** returned \$256.9 million, while Alabama **Cotton** farmers racked up \$160.5 million in receipts. Together, these five commodities accounted for 66 percent of Total Farm and Forestry Receipts.

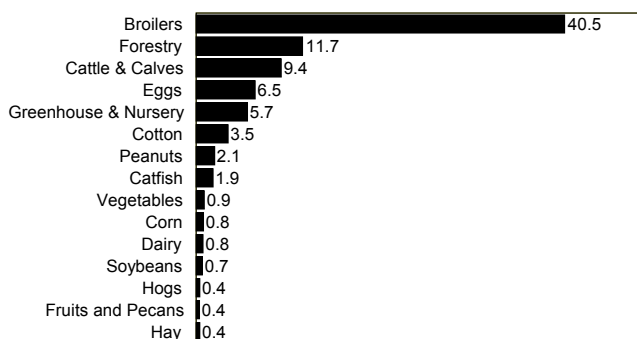
TOTAL FARM AND FORESTRY RECEIPTS: LEADING COUNTIES, 2003

County	(000)	County	(000)
Cullman	415,840	Baldwin	152,451
DeKalb	308,932	Geneva	141,410
Marshall	206,025	Franklin	121,628
Blount	153,064	Crenshaw	113,852
Coffee	153,048	Covington	108,905

ALABAMA FARM & FORESTRY RECEIPTS 1994 - 2003



TOTAL FARM AND FORESTRY RECEIPTS - 2003 Percents By Commodity



*These 15 commodities accounted for nearly 90% of Total Farm & Forestry Receipts.

For **counties with limited production** of a specific commodity, cash receipts (starting on page 46) for that commodity are not published, but are included in the county's Total Farm Receipts. **USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA)** supplied information on **government payments** and stumpage revenue for **farm forest products and non-farm commercial timber** was provided by the **Alabama Forestry Commission**. **Other farm income** includes money received for machine hire and custom work, custom feeding fees, and other farm business-related income. These receipts are not published separately but are included in each county's Total Farm Receipts.